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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Agricultural Marketing Department – Vigilance Report No.51, dated:22.07.2016 – Allegations of irregularities in Cotton MSP operations by the CCI tie-up with local AMCs in the State - Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri A. Rahiman, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as the then Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Sattenapalli & Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kothapeta – Case entrusted to the Commissioner of Inquiries – Inquiry completed – Inquiry report communicated – Charged Officer expired on 08.03.2021 – Further action abated – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.256 **Dated:17.04.2023**

Read the following:-

1. Vigilance Report No.51 (C.No.446/V&E/D1/2015), dated:22.07.2016 of the From Director General, G.A.(V&E)Dept.
2. Letter No.DS1/10481/2015, dated: 02-09-2016 of the C&DoAM, AP
3. GORt.No.776, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II)Dept., dated:20-11-2016.
4. Written statement of defence dated:23-02-2017 of Sri A. Rahim, Deputy Director of Marketing.
5. G.O.Rt.No.793, Agri.& Coop.(VIG.II) Dept., dated:11-12-2017.
6. G.O.Rt.No.79, Agri.& Coop.(Vig.II) Dept., dated:15-02-2018.
7. Inquiry Report dated:22-02-2019, of the Commissioner of Inquiries-PKS.
8. Govt. Memo.No.4067/Vig.II(1)/2015, dt:27.05.2019.
9. Representation dated:09.08.2019 of Sri A. Rahiman, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kothapeta.
10. G.O.Rt.No.317, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II) Dept., dated:31-05-2021.
11. E-file No.DS(1)/10481-2015 (Computer No.320962), dated:26.11.2021 of the C&DoAM, AP, Guntur.

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ORDER:

Based on the Vigilance Report No.51, dated:22-07-2016 of the Vigilance & Enforcement Department as well as the report of the Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur, on the allegations of irregularities in Cotton MSP operations by the CCI tie-up with local AMCs in the State, Government had initiated departmental proceedings against (97) erring officials. Sri A. Rahiman, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Sattenapalli is one among them and article of charge was framed against him vide G.O.3rd read above.

2. All the Charged Officers have submitted their written statements of defence including Sri A. Rahiman, Deputy Director of Marketing denying the charges framed against them. Since the written statements of defence were not found satisfactory, the case was entrusted to the Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting common inquiry into the charges framed against all (97) Charged Officers.

3. After conducting the common inquiry, the Commissioner of Inquiries-PKS has furnished the inquiry report on 22-02-2019 concluding that, charges are partly proved against (19) Charged Officers and not proved against (76) Charged Officers out of (97) Charged Officers. Two (2) Charged Officers viz.

(P.T.O.)

Sri V. Krishnudu and Sri M. Venkateswarlu, Supervisors, AMC expired while the inquiry was in progress. In respect of the Charged Officer Sri A.Rahiman, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as the then Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Sattenapalli, the charge is partly held proved, since he has permitted the procurement of cotton outside the AMC premises during the year 2014-15.

4. In the reference 8th read above, a copy of the inquiry report dated:22.02.2019 was communicated to (19) Charged Officers including Sri A. Rahiman, Deputy Director of Marketing, whom charges are partly proved in the common inquiry with a direction to submit their explanations on the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries-PKS. All the (19) Charged Officers have submitted their explanations on the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries-PKS.

5. After examining the entire matter, Government have accepted the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries-PKS in the inquiry report dated:22.02.2019. Accordingly, Government have dropped further action against (69) Charged Officers and also abated further action against two (2) deceased Charged Officers viz. Sri M. Venkateswarlu, Supervisor, AMC, Allagadda and Sri V. Krishnudu, Supervisor, AMC, Nandikotkur, subject to recovery of loss, if any, caused to the Government (or) misappropriated by them vide G.O. 10th read above.

6. As the matter stood thus, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur in the reference 11th read above, has informed that the Charged Officer viz. Sri A. Rahiman, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as the then Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Sattenapalli & Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kothapeta expired on 08.03.2021.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to abate further action against the Charged Officer viz. Sri A. Rahiman (Expired on 08.03.2021), Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as the then Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Sattenapalli & Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kothapeta, subject to recovery of loss caused, if any, to Government by the deceased Government servant from the terminal benefits admissible to his legal heirs as per Rule 9 (7) of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A. Rahiman(expired),
the then Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Sattenapalli and Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kothapeta.
(Through:The Commissioner&Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P.,Guntur)
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:-
The General Administration(V&E)Department.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C, A.P.Secretariat.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER